

# THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

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**October 21 - 25, 2015**  
**Great Outdoors RV Resort**  
**Franklin, NC**  
**Hosts: Longs and Whites**



The Great Outdoors RV resort is located in a very scenic area of North Carolina with landscaped sites. The resort has an excellent meeting room with two full kitchens, plus a large grill outside. And, the fall colors are just beautiful in this area around our rally dates.



**Members Camping:** Ron and Belinda Agnew, Van and Miriam Armstrong, Dan and Jeanie Baer, Ted and Martha Barrett, Hubert and Marsha Brown, Dorris and Ethel Carpenter, Don and Peggy Crump, Ed and Patricia Durrence, Don and Marquita Haines, John and Sandra Long, Jim and Karen Mathis, Elwood and Sharon Miller, Mike and Kathie Newton, and Jack and Chris White. Also Bob-Tailing in for the Business Meeting was Linda Callas & Harry and Bob & Eva Beilemeier.

**First Time Visitors:** Dan and Sheila Sansevieri from Blue Ridge, GA

**Monday:** Those arriving on Monday were the Agnews, Barretts, Browns, Carpenters, Durrences, Longs, and Whites. However, they were not the real early birds, as the Haines arrived on the weekend. It was an absolutely beautiful day and many commented on enjoying the fall colors on their drive up. All enjoyed hearing the Carpenters and Durrences share some experiences from their recent trip to

Utah. Most everyone went to Fat Buddies for dinner and were joined by Larry and Claudia Lee from Macon. We met them in the RV park earlier that day. They seem to enjoy being with our group, but could not extend their stay in the campground to visit with us. Hopefully, they will visit with us next month at Sugar Mill RV Park. The weather turned rather cool outside, so the evening was spent in our coaches.



**Tuesday:** A great day for sight seeing. Although a little cool in the morning, it did not take long to warm up since it was such a sunny day. Most took advantage of it to go sightseeing. Late afternoon saw the arrival of the Armstrongs. Some went out to eat that evening while others stayed in their coaches. A few dined at the Boiler Room Steak House.



**Wednesday:** The official start of the rally began today and those arriving were the Baers, the Crumps, and the Newtons. The "Meet and Greet" began at 2:30. Jack introduced campground owner Ron Blake and manager Lee Duncan. Lee presented our group a cake beautifully decorated with



our logo. Jack then made announcements regarding the rally and the campground. The hosts provided a scrumptious array of snacks. In timing with the season, it also included meatballs and a delicious pumpkin dip served with ginger snaps. Dinner was on your own and surprise, surprise, about fourteen found ourselves at Las Barricas. A couple of good sports, whose spouses like Mexican food and they do not, also dined with us. Oh the things one does for love! There



was a Fast Track board game in the meeting room and a campfire was at the White's coach, where it seems everyone went to sleep in their chairs.



To the Great Outdoors RV Campground.  
Thank you for the delicious cake.

**Thursday:** Thursday morning Jim Lau with the Macon County Sheriff's Department gave an informative presentation on senior safety geared toward motor home safety and security, identify theft, and credit card security. Afterward we went in different directions, excursions included scouting the area, short rides to enjoy the fall leaves in their splendor, (taking pictures along the way), and shopping. The Mathises finally got their coach running (starter trouble) and arrived during the day.



We gathered at the Fatz restaurant for dinner where we were seated in groups of four. Quietly visiting with each other, we enjoyed a good meal. Back at the campground some gathered in the club house around the game table for fun and enjoyment, others gathered around the campfire with some wrapped in blankets. All in all, it was a good day spent with great friends.

**Friday:** Today was an "on your on day," allowing us to do whatever we wanted without any time constraints. Some got an early start and went out for breakfast. The afternoon found some exploring new places, others visiting the downtown shopping area, one couple visited a favorite area south of Asheville, still others enjoyed staying in the campground. The afternoon saw the arrival of the Millers and first time visitors Dan and Sheila Sansevieri from Blue Ridge, GA. We dined at various places, some ate downtown, Frog Town was one name mentioned, some elected Chinese cuisine, and of course some chose Mexican. Afterward there were games in the clubhouse and a campfire, without the Poker Queen in attendance as Chris was feeling under the weather.

**Saturday:** Our business meeting began a little after 10:00AM. The main purpose of the meeting was the election of officers for next year. They are listed below:

President	Ted Barrett
First Vice President	Dorris Carpenter
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Wagon Master	Jack White
Treasurer	Don Crump
Recording Secretary	Karen Mathis
Newsletter Editor	Martha Barrett
National Director	Jim Mathis
Alternate National Director	Jerry Eaves

The above officers will be installed at next months Business Meeting. In addition to the election, the topic of Scrapbook Editor and disposition of the scrapbooks was also discussed. A decision was made to suspend the position of Scrapbook Editor, until changes to the Standing Rules can be made in June to eliminate the position. A rule was made for the President to decide disposition of the current scrapbooks based on criteria discussed during the meeting. All actions taken at the business meeting will be reflected in the minutes.

Lunch was on our own with folks going in different directions. The Carpenters made a quick trip home to attend a volleyball championship playoff game in which their granddaughter was participating. Dinner was at the campground with the hosts providing hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by Ted.



Everyone brought a dish to share with some being great desserts. The food was good and enjoyed by all, and lively conversation could be heard around the tables. Games followed, but it was so late there was no campfire.

**Sunday:** We gathered in clubhouse to enjoy the pastries, bagels, fruit, vegetables, coffee and orange juice provided by the hosts and enjoyed visiting with each other. John Long gave the devotional. The Hosts were thanked for a great job. With goodbyes until next time, we departed for home.

***Martha Barrett***  
***Newsletter Editor***

**Announcement:** The 2016 Rally Schedule will be published next month. Now is the time to think about hosting a rally next year. So get with some other members to co-host with you and be ready to sign up to host one of next year's rallies. Our Wagon Master will have already spent many, many hours in developing the rally schedule, so make the remainder of his job easy by signing up to host.

**Rally Reminders:**

**November: 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> Sugar Mill RV Park.** Ochlocknee GA. Reser Req. 229-227-1451. Directions: Off US-19 approx 2 miles south of Ochlocknee and 7 miles north of Thomasville. Main entrance is off McMillan Rd. <http://sugarmillrvpark.yolasite.com>  
**Hosts: Barretts & McKellars**

**December: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Luncheon.** Amicalola Falls State Park Lodge at 11:30 AM, **\$22 Buffet. For Details See Flyer. Hosts: Porters & Eaves**

Additional Information: The Kare For Kids organization provides necessities for children of Dawson County. These include providing winter coats, shoes, eye glasses, medicine, etc.. They do this through raising funds. Therefore, donations should be either cash or checks payable to KARE for Kids.

**March 2016: FMCA's 93rd Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase** will be held March 17 - 20, 2016, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry. You can register online at FMCA. Country music artists **Mark Chesnutt, Lorrie Morgan,** and **Joe Diffie** will present "Country Unplugged" on March 19, 2016, during FMCA's Family Reunion in Perry.